

Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
09/785,981

Claims 5, 10 and 12-13 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-32 of U.S. Patent 6,699,126 to Kusuda in view of U.S. Patent 5,411,258 to Wilson et al and further in view of U.S. Patent 4,569,026 to Best. This rejection is traversed on the basis of a Terminal Disclaimer, filed herewith.

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11 and 14-26 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-32 of U.S. Patent 6,692,360 to Kusuda in view of U.S. Patent 5,411,258 to Wilson et al. This rejection is overcome by the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer, filed herewith.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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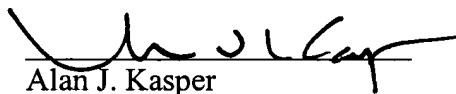
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